

**SANTA BARBARA HUMANE SOCIETY
POST-SURGICAL CARE FOR YOUR CAT**

ACTIVITY

No jumping or rough play and no bathing for 14 days.

Please keep male cats indoors for at least 3 days.

Please keep female cats indoors for at least 10 days.

PAIN MEDICATION

Cats receive injectable pain medication in the hospital and usually do not require additional pain medication at home. Please call us if your cat seems excessively uncomfortable.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL PAIN MEDICATION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF A VETERINARIAN. MANY HUMAN PAIN MEDICATIONS ARE HIGHLY TOXIC TO CATS.

FOOD AND WATER

Give food and water to your cat when you get home.

Call for veterinary advice if your cat is not eating for more than 24 hours after surgery.

SURGERY SITE

Please check the incision once a day. If it appears red, painful, oozing or open, please call the clinic. No suture removal is necessary.

Do NOT allow your pet to lick excessively at the surgery site. Your pet has been given a no-lick collar (aka e-collar) to prevent it from licking the area. We recommend male cats wear the collar for 3 days and female cats for 2 weeks. You may need to remove the collar for eating/drinking. Additional collars can be purchased from the Humane Society Clinic for \$5.

Please call the Santa Barbara Humane Society Clinic if you have any questions or concerns about your pet's surgery at:

(805) 964-4777 ext 281, 10am to 12pm or 2pm to 4pm Monday through Friday. The clinic is closed on weekends. Please note there is no veterinary care available outside of clinic hours of operation.

For afterhours care, please call your own veterinarian or:

-Care Emergency Pet Hospital on 301 E Haley Street: (805) 899-2273

OR

-Advanced Veterinary Specialists Emergency Pet Care on 414 E Carrillo Street: (805) 729-4460

During our Pre-Surgical Exam of your pet, we noticed:

Fleas/Flea dirt Tapeworm segments Other: _____

We recommend/require consulting with your own veterinarian regarding this issue.